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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Ross A. Chittenden, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

The FHWA has completed our review of Amendment No. 2 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 7, 2005. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2005-15 on January 28, 2005, approving Amendment No. 2 to the 2004 RTIP and Amendment No. 1 to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (2030 RTP) and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the 1998 Regional Air Quality Strategy and the 1994 State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this SANDAG RTIP amendment proposes to modify the design concept for the previously programmed Foothill Transportation Corridor South project, specifically, the amendment revises the design concept listed in the RTP and RTIP for the proposed project from 4 general purpose lanes plus 2 high occupancy vehicle lanes to 8 general purpose lanes. This amendment does not affect available revenues or programmed costs detailed in the SANDAG RTIP/RTP financial plan.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX, we accept these modifications to the 2005-2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SANDAG region in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that the SANDAG 2004 RTIP, including Amendment No. 2, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC §134 and 49 USC Chapter 53.

In our letter to SANDAG dated March 15, 2005, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) made a joint air quality conformity determination for the amended SANDAG 2004 RTIP and 2030 RTP. The joint FHWA/FTA air quality



conformity determination for the amended RTIP and RTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Regulations, 23 CFR Part 450.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SANDAG RTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

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